

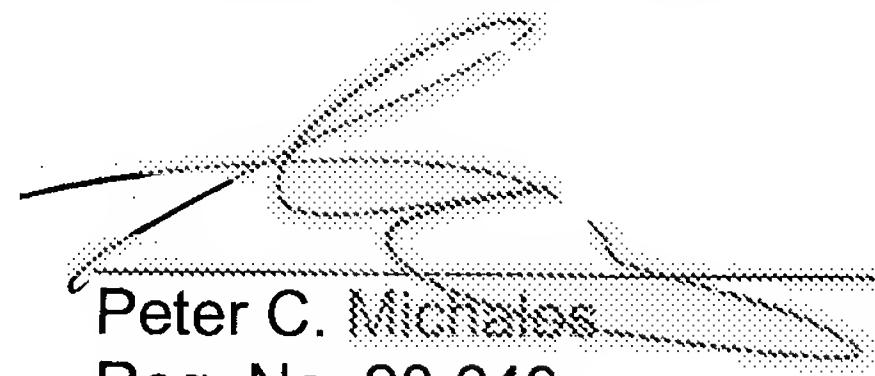
**REMARKS:**

Claim 1-9 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Claims 3-5 and 8-9 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency and to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Entry of this amendment and further favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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